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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A N A C T

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1.— John Ware, Jacob Bigelow, and Enoch Hale, their associates and successors, are hereby made a Corporation by the name of the “Boston Society for Medical Improvement,” for the purpose of improvement in the different branches of medical science; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2.— Said Corporation may hold real and personal estate, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars, to be applied exclusively to the purpose aforesaid.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR,
March 20, 1839.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

THE Society shall be called the BOSTON SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT.

II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society shall be the cultivation of confidence and good feeling between members of the profession; the eliciting and imparting of information upon the different branches of medical science; and the establishment of a Museum and Library of Pathological Anatomy.

III.

MEETINGS.

The meetings of the Society shall be holden upon the second and fourth Monday of every month, at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IV.

OFFICERS.

At the first meeting in January annually, there shall be chosen by ballot a Secretary, a Cabinet Keeper, a Librarian, and a Committee of four, who, with the Secretary, shall be called the Prudential Committee.

V.

TREASURER.

The Secretary shall act as Treasurer. He shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, and present it at the annual meeting, when a Committee shall be chosen to examine it.

VI.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Prudential Committee to watch over the interests of the Society, and to suggest from time to time such measures as they may deem most conducive to its prosperity.

VII.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

SECT. 1. — Admissions into the Society shall take place by election at the first meetings of April and October of each year, and at those meetings only.

SECT. 2. — All regular practitioners in the city of Boston, who have been in actual practice there for two years, shall be eligible as members.

SECT. 3. — Election shall be made by ballot. No person shall be balloted for, unless he shall have been on nomination for three preceding meetings.

SECT. 4. — A nomination-list shall be kept by the Secretary, on which names may be entered at any time; but the nomination must be made by two members, whose names must be subscribed to that of the candidate. This list shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place during the meetings; and any new nomination must be announced by the Secretary immediately after reading the records. After each semi-annual meeting, a new list shall be opened.

SECT. 5. — Notice shall be given by the Secretary that an election is to take place. Balloting shall commence at 9, P.M. Candidates shall be taken up in the order of their nomination, but not balloted for without passing a motion to that effect. At least ten affirmative votes shall be necessary for the admission of a candidate, and four negative ones shall exclude him.

SECT. 6. — The Society may also elect honorary and associate members. Regular physicians who reside out of the city may be eligible as associates, and the above provisions of Sect. 5 shall be applicable to their nomination and election.

SECT. 7. — Any person who has been on nomination for honorary membership for three meetings may be elected an honorary member by a unanimous vote.

SECT. 8. — Honorary members and associates shall have the rights and privileges enjoyed by members, and shall be subject to all the regulations of the Society; but they shall not be liable to assessment, nor entitled to vote.

VIII.

QUORUM, FIFTEEN MEMBERS.

No business involving the raising or expenditure of money, the choice of officers, the admission of members, or the alteration of the Constitution or of the By-laws, shall be transacted unless fifteen members be present.

IX.

EXPENSES.

The expenses of the Society shall be defrayed by assessments levied by vote on the members, as occasion may require.

X.

ALTERATIONS.

Alterations in the Constitution shall be made only in the following manner: The proposed alteration must be submitted in writing at either of the meetings, next but one, preceding the first meeting in April or October, and be referred to a Committee, who shall report at the following meeting. The report may then be discussed and amended; but the question as to its adoption shall not be decided until the next meeting, namely, the first either of April or October. In the notifications for this meeting, it shall be stated that a vote is to be taken on a proposed alteration of the Constitution; and the assent of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to make the proposal a law.

B Y - L A W S .

I.

THE Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and the Society appoint a Chairman.

II.

The following shall be the order of business : —

FIRST MEETING IN EACH MONTH.

1. The Secretary reads the Records of the last Meeting.
2. Oral Communications.
3. Written Communications.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Anatomical Specimens.
6. Matters of Incidental Business.

SECOND MEETING IN EACH MONTH.

1. The Secretary reads the Records of the last Meeting.
2. Anatomical Specimens.
3. Oral Communications.
4. Written Communications.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Matters of Incidental Business.

III.

OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

SECT. 1. — All written communications upon any general medical subject shall be made at nine o'clock; previous notice of it having been given to the Secretary, and inserted by him, if the member so desire it, in the notifications of the evening.

SECT. 2. — All written communications to the Society shall be taken charge of by the Secretary, unless the author request otherwise, but shall not be made public but by consent of the author.

IV.

OF THE CABINET.

SECT. 1. — The Cabinet Keeper shall be charged with the care and preservation of the Cabinet. He shall report annually upon its condition, specifying the number and kind of specimens added; and suggest such measures as he may deem necessary to be adopted with regard to it.

SECT. 2. — He shall determine what specimens shall be placed in the Cabinet; and shall see that all specimens presented, but not deemed advisable to preserve, be returned to the donors.

SECT. 3. — He shall prepare a Catalogue of the specimens, with the history of the case and the name of the donor; and shall attach a number and label to every specimen.

SECT. 4. — The Catalogue shall be placed in the Society's room, and shall not be removed thence except by the Cabinet Keeper, for the purpose of entering specimens.

SECT. 5. — No specimens shall be removed from the room but by permission of the Society, except such as may be deposited under special conditions.

SECT. 6. — Members of the Society shall be at liberty to visit the Cabinet, and examine the specimens, books, and drawings, at all times. Strangers may also be admitted in company with members, or by an order from the Cabinet Keeper.

V.

OF THE LIBRARY.

SECT. 1. — The Librarian shall have the care of the Library and of the instruments, on the state of which he shall make a report at the first meeting in January.

SECT. 2. — Members may consult the books at any time, but cannot have more than two volumes out at once; and these must be returned within a month, under penalty of a fine of twenty-five cents for every week they are kept beyond that time.

SECT. 3. — The Librarian shall provide a book, in which every member taking a book from the Library shall record his name, with the title of the book, and the date of its removal and of its return.

SECT. 4. — Any member may have the use of any instruments belonging to the Society, upon entering in the Librarian's book his name, and specifying the instruments borrowed, together with the date of their removal and return; and all instruments thus borrowed must be returned in good order within forty-eight hours of their removal, under penalty of a fine of twenty-five cents for every day beyond that time.

SECT. 5. — Special privileges relating to the books or instruments may be granted by the Society, upon a written request of any member.

SECT. 6. — Any member infringing the above rules with regard to the removal of any books or instruments, shall be deemed to have violated the rights of every other member,

and be liable to such penalty or censure as the Society shall inflict.

VI.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

SECT. 1. — The Secretary shall notify new members of their election, and require their assent to the Constitution and By-laws; and no election shall be valid, unless the member elect shall signify his acceptance of membership within one month after his election.

SECT. 2. — Any member who shall remove from the city may continue his membership, if he request it in writing, but shall be exempt from assessments, and shall not be allowed to vote.

SECT. 3. — Any member neglecting or declining to pay his assessments or fines, after they have been due two years, and after having been notified by the Secretary, shall be considered as having forfeited his membership, unless excused by the Society.

SECT. 4. — Resignations of membership must be made in writing; and no resignation shall be received until all dues have been paid.

SECT. 5. — The Secretary is required to call special meetings, when requested by a majority of the Prudential Committee.

SECT. 6. — Any of the foregoing By-laws may be suspended by a vote of four-fifths of the members present at a meeting.

SECT. 7. — Every member, on admission to the Society, shall sign the following obligation: "I have read, and I

agree to abide by, the Constitution and By-laws of the Boston Society for Medical Improvement.”

SECT. 8. — Whenever in the course of the year the office of Secretary and Treasurer shall become vacant, a Committee shall be appointed to receive the books, papers, and funds of the Society, which are in the custody of that officer, and deliver them to the Secretary and Treasurer elect.

SECT. 9. — Any alteration or addition to the By-laws must be proposed in writing at one meeting, and finally acted upon at a subsequent one; and a vote of four-fifths of the members present shall be necessary for adoption.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Secretary and Treasurer.

WILLIAM W. MORLAND.

Cabinet Keepers.

JOHN B. S. JACKSON.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF.

Librarian.

BUCKMINSTER BROWN.

Prudential Committee.

JACOB BIGELOW.

JOHN WARE.

AUGUSTUS A. GOULD.

D. HUMPHREYS STORER.

PAST OFFICERS.

Secretaries.

	ELECTED.	RESIGNED.
JAMES M. WHITEMORE	1828	1828.
JOSEPH W. MCKEAN	1828	1830.
FREDERIC A. SUMNER	1830	1831.
EDWARD G. DAVIS	1831	1832.
MARSHALL S. PERRY	1832	1834.
JOHN B. S. JACKSON	1834	1836.
JOSEPH ROBY	1836	1838.
OLIVER W. HOLMES	1838	1839.
JOSEPH ROBY	1839	1840.
CHARLES E. WARE	1840	1843.
GEORGE C. SHATTUCK, jun.	1843	1847.
SAMUEL PARKMAN	1847	1850.
WILLIAM W. MORLAND	1850	

Cabinet Keepers.

JOSEPH W. MCKEAN	1828	1837.
WINSLOW LEWIS, jun.	1830	1837.
JOHN B. S. JACKSON	1837	
CHARLES G. PUTNAM	1837	1840.
JEFFRIES WYMAN	1840	1846.
NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF	1846	

Librarians.

SAMUEL PARKMAN	1843	1844.
SAMUEL L. ABBOT	1844	1845.
CHARLES G. PUTNAM	1845	1846.
SAMUEL L. ABBOT	1846	1852.
BUCKMINSTER BROWN	1852	

MEMBERS

IN THE ORDER OF ADMISSION.

The asterisk (*) signifies *dead*; the dagger (†), *resigned*; the double dagger (‡), *removed from city*.

1828.

†Zabdiel B. Adams.
 *Enoch Hale.
 *Joseph W. McKean.
 †Joshua H. Hayward.
 †George W. Otis.
 †*Horatio Robinson.
 *J. Greeley Stevenson.
 †John P. Spooner.
 D. Humphreys Storer.
 †James M. Whittemore.
 John Ware.
 *Caleb H. Snow.
 †Winslow Lewis.
 *Benjamin Lincoln.
 †John Flint.
 †Charles Choate.
 †*Chandler Robbins.
 *George Parkman.
 Walter Channing.
 *John D. Wells.
 †*Charles Walker.
 †*Edward G. Davis.
 †*J. H. Richards.
 †Frederic A. Sumner.
 †J. V. C. Smith.

1829.

John Homans.
 *John D. Fisher.
 †Francis J. Higginsor.

1830.

†David Osgood.
 *Martin Gay.
 †Daniel T. Coit.
 †T. W. Parsons.

1831.

†Henry Dyer.
 Marshall S. Perry.
 †Alexander Thomas.
 Augustus A. Gould.
 †Daniel Harwood.
 John B. S. Jackson.

1832.

†Edward Warren.
 †Benjamin F. Wing.
 Woodbridge Strong.
 †Giles H. Lodge.
 *Thomas H. Thompson.

†Joshua B. Flint.
Ezra Palmer, jun.
†*James Wood.
Charles T. Jackson.
*George B. Doane.
‡Joseph Roby.

1833.

Charles G. Putnam.
†John C. Hayden.

1834.

James B. Gregerson.
†*Thomas Gray, jun.
Henry I. Bowditch.

1835.

‡Asa B. Snow.
J. Mason Warren.
Henry G. Clark.

1836.

George C. Shattuck, jun.
Robert W. Hooper.
Oliver W. Holmes.
*Henry B. C. Greene.
Hermann B. Inches.
‡Henry A. Dewar.
Charles Gordon.
George A. Bethune.

1837.

Charles H. Stedman.
Charles E. Ware.

1838.

Jacob Bigelow.
George Hayward.
Edward Reynolds.
Solomon D. Townsend.
*John Randall.
‡Jeffries Wyman.

1839.

Samuel Parkman.

1841.

Francis H. Gray.

1843.

William E. Coale.
*Henry G. Wiley.
Samuel Cabot, jun.
Samuel L. Abbott.

1844.

Henry J. Bigelow.

1845.

W. T. Parker.
George Hayward, jun.

1846.

Nathaniel B. Shurtleff.
Le Baron Russell.
‡W. Henry Thayer.

1848.

Buckminster Brown.
William R. Lawrence.
George H. Lyman.
William W. Morland.
Fytche E. Oliver.
William E. Townsend.

1849.

George H. Gay.
George Derby.
Francis Minot.

1850.

Samuel Kneeland, jun.
Henry O. Stone.
Henry W. Williams.

1851.

Silas Durkee.
John B. Alley.
John Bacon, jun.
E. Whitney Blake.

1853.

Luther Parks, jun.
William H. Thorndike.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

1837.

James Jackson	. . . . .	Boston.
John C. Warren	. . . . .	Boston.
George C. Shattuck	. . . . .	Boston.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

1844.

Joseph Sargent	. . . . .	Worcester.
Anson Hooker	. . . . .	Cambridge.

1845.

Morrill Wyman	Cambridge.
Lyman Bartlett	New Bedford.
Benjamin E. Cotting	Roxbury.

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E. Whitney Blake.	Charles Gordon.
Jacob Bigelow.	Augustus A. Gould.
Henry J. Bigelow.	James B. Gregerson.
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Henry I. Bowditch.	George Hayward, jun.
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D. Humphreys Storer.
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1857.

MEMBERS

ADMITTED SINCE 1853 (DATE OF LAST CATALOGUE).

1854.

Benjamin S. Shaw.
Daniel D. Slade.
Calvin Ellis.
Charles D. Homans.
Richard M. Hodges.

1856.

J. Nelson Borland.
John P. Reynolds.
Seth L. Sprague.
Richard H. Salter.
J. Everett Herrick.

1857.

James Ayer.
Algernon Coolidge.
Calvin G. Page.
William Read.
William J. Dale.



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Boston, 1855

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